

BULLETIN & REVIEW

Action Plan being implemented

'Who is a Jew' Coalition moving quickly

North American Jewish leaders have demonstrated their deep concern over the critical issue of "Who is a Jew" by adopting a resolution which calls upon "all political leaders of both major party groups in Israel to agree to take this issue off the political agenda."

Voting delegates from Jewish Federations passed the resolution during the Thursday morning, November 17 plenary session of the Council of Jewish Federations' 57th General Assembly at the Marriott Hotel in New Orleans.

Throughout the five-day conference, numerous discussions took place as to how leaders should respond to the proposed change which threatens the unity of the Jewish people.

The result was the formation of a "Who is a Jew" Coalition. The "Who is a Jew" Coalition, comprising the Council of Jewish Federations, United Jewish Appeal (U.S.) and United Israel Appeal (Canada), has moved quickly to implement its Action Plan.

Progress has been made on a number of fronts.

Even as this report was being prepared, events were occurring which changed the situation significantly.

The following are some of the activities and developments that are of interest.

Federation Leadership Mission II comprised of leadership of eight U.S. and Canadian

communities left for Israel on Tuesday, Nov. 29.

In addition to a press conference and briefing with Shoshana Cardin and Robert Asher (Chairman of AIPAC) on Wednesday, Nov. 30, the Mission met with numerous Israeli leaders including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, Shimon Peres, Moshe Arens, Zalman Shoval and Benjamin Netanyahu. Meetings were also established with the Labour Coalition, Chief Rabbi, Religious Political Leadership and Knesset members at all points of the political continuum.

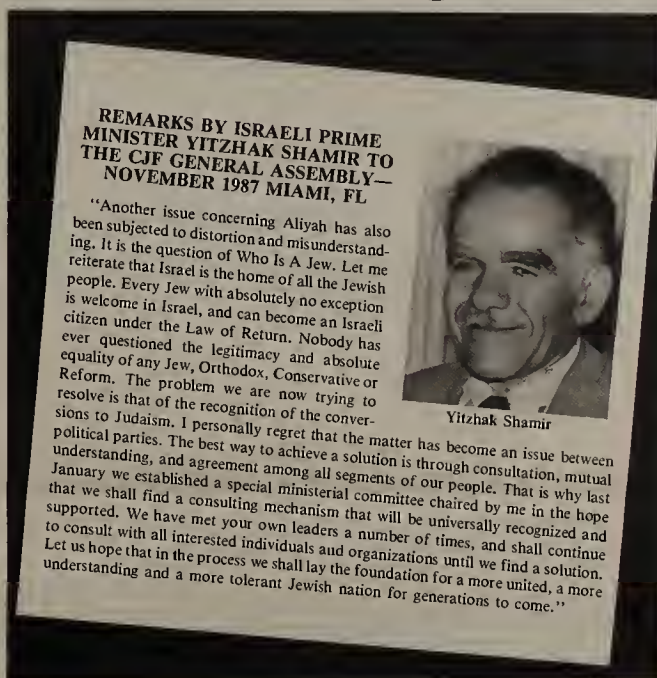
In the President's Report on page 2 of this issue you will find the wording of a motion concerning Who is a Jew.

Federation Leadership Mission III, consisting of leaders of ten more communities, scheduled for Dec. 4-9.

On December 6 and December 8, delegations of American and Canadian Jews met with Israel's Ambassadors in Washington and Ottawa. They were led by CJF Vice-Presidents Paul Berger of Washington and Jack Rose of Toronto.

The six "talking points"

listed below represent the beliefs of CJF and its member



Yitzhak Shamir

REMARKS BY ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK SHAMIR TO THE CJF GENERAL ASSEMBLY—NOVEMBER 1987 MIAMI, FL

"Another issue concerning Aliyah has also been subjected to distortion and misunderstanding. It is the question of Who is a Jew. Let me reiterate that Israel is the home of all the Jewish people. Every Jew with absolutely no exception is welcome in Israel, and can become an Israeli citizen under the Law of Return. Nobody has ever questioned the legitimacy and absolute equality of any Jew, Orthodox, Conservative or Reform. The problem we are now trying to resolve is that of the recognition of the conversions to Judaism. I personally regret that the matter has become an issue between political parties. The best way to achieve a solution is through consultation, mutual understanding, and agreement among all segments of our people. That is why last January we established a special ministerial committee chaired by me in the hope that we shall find a consulting mechanism that will be universally recognized and supported. We have met your own leaders a number of times, and shall continue to consult with all interested individuals and organizations until we find a solution. Let us hope that in the process we shall lay the foundation for a more united, a more understanding and a more tolerant Jewish nation for generations to come."



Ottawa Wins Two Awards at CJF General Assembly

Proud delegates to the 57th General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), held in New Orleans in mid-November, accept two awards for excellence in public relations on behalf of the Ottawa Jewish Community: a gold for an invitation created by the UJA Women's Division during the 1988 campaign and a bronze award for the Ottawa Jewish Bulletin & Review. From left to right Abe Engel, Gerry Koffman, Stephen Greenberg, presenter Dulcie Rosenfeld of Detroit, co-chairman of the CJF Public Relations Awards Committee, Cynthia Engel, Stephen Victor, Gail Victor, Dr. Eli Rabin. Delegates not available at photograph: Dr. Maureen Molot, Henry Molot, Vera Klein, Leslie Klein, Elaine Rabin, Ian Kagedan.

Federations. These statements are currently being expressed to Israeli leaders and the Israeli press via the above-mentioned Missions. These points should be communicated by all future Federation leadership missions to Israel and in response to press inquiries in our community. They are:

Our message is unity. Israel must not risk economic, political and moral support of Diaspora; our stress is on the unity of Jewish peoplehood.

This is the time to test our relationships with Project Renewal communities, to educate community leaders and to seek their support to remove this issue from the political

agenda.

There is a need to meet with those Knesset members who are wavering, to encourage them to resist political action on this issue — or to absent themselves from the vote.

In meetings with religious political leaders, stress that assimilation cannot be stopped by legislation.

This is not an issue of money; it is not even an issue of our support; this is an issue which is deeply felt by North American Jews.

We are not exaggerating; this is not a passing fad; this issue is deeply rooted in our individual and collective soul.

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Vaad Report

Stephen Victor
PRESIDENT, OTTAWA VAAD HA'IR
JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

"The State of Israel will be open for Jewish Immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles."

—Declaration of the Establishment of the State of Israel, May 14, 1948.

"Every Jew has the right to settle in Israel with immediate citizenship... a Jew is a person born of a Jewish mother or converted to Judaism."

—Law of Return

DECISIONS

Two current crucial issues dominated the Board of Trustees meeting on November 30, 1988.

***Law of Return (Who is a Jew)** — Jewish Communities across North America as well as in Israel itself are debating and discussing this issue. The Law of Return is among Israel's fundamental laws. It permits anyone Jewish by birth or conversion to claim immediate citizenship upon arriving in Israel. Various groups among the Orthodox have for some time brought pressure on the Israeli Government to amend the Law of Return to specify that in the case of those who are Jewish by virtue of conversion only Orthodox conversions ought to be regarded as recognized. Currently a number of Israel's Religious Parties are exacting a price for entering into a coalition with Likud. This price is to amend the Law of Return. The North American Jewish Community of which over eighty percent are affiliated with the Conservative or Reform Movements has responded to the prospect of such an amendment with great anguish. The North American Jewish Community has told the Israeli Government that such action would alienate the majority of North American Jews.

The Board of Trustees debated this emotional issue. All sides of this issue were heard. After lengthy discussion, a resolution was passed that:

"The Board of Trustees of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'ir speaking as the voice of the Ottawa Jewish Community, declares that we hereby reaffirm our unwavering and unconditional commitment to the State of Israel; that we are disturbed by the most recent events that threaten to promote discord among Jewish Communities outside Israel and create a serious rupture between Israel and the Diaspora Jewry; and that cognizant as we are of the critical nature of the issues involved, we urge the Government of Israel that there be no amendment to the Law of Return".

***Soviet Jewish Emigration (Freedom of Choice).** World Jewry has been alerted to the prospect that in 1989 a large number of Soviet Jews will be granted exit visas. Estimates range from 15,000 to 60,000.

In the past Soviet Jewish emigration has been an Aliyah Movement with Soviet Jews being encouraged to go to Israel. In recent years the vast majority have opted for Western Countries, principally the United States and Canada. Estimates are that in the coming year 95% will go to Western Countries including Canada. This places the burden on the Canadian Jewish Communities which have to cover the increased intransit and increased resettlement costs. Canadian Jewish communities have been struggling with the fact that if Soviet Jews arrive in the numbers expected, we will have to bear those costs out of our local, national, or Israel allocations.

This issue was also debated with passion and fervor, and the following Resolution was adopted.

"That the Board of Trustees of the Ottawa Jewish Community Council affirm that Jews who wish to leave the Soviet Union should be able to exercise their free choice in determining their country of destination; that the Board of Trustees do whatever possible to urge Soviet Jews who have left on Israeli invitations and visas to settle in Israel; that those who still choose Canada as the country of their priority should have their application supported on the basis of reunification; and that the Board of Trustees reaffirms the principle of supporting applications from Soviet Jews for entry into Canada on the basis of family reunification".

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Preserve and strengthen society

CJC national committee playing pivotal role on Jewish agenda

As 1988 draws to a close, Canadian Jewish Congress National Joint Community Relations Committee (NJCRC) Chairman Joseph J. Wilder of Winnipeg says he is extremely pleased with the role his committee continues to play across the country.

"Perhaps no other committee of Canadian Jewish Congress better reflects the national character of the Parliament of Canadian Jewry than the NJCRC," says Wilder, a Manitoba lawyer.

"We aim at nothing less than to preserve and strengthen a society that is free, open, democratic and pluralistic."

The NJCRC, staffed by National Director Manuel Prutschi and his associate Bernie M. Farber, has ample representation from the CJC Pacific, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and Atlantic regions. This group of volunteers and professionals gathers on a regular basis to discuss community relations issues affecting Canada's entire Jewish mosaic.

Many issues at the center of Canadian Jewry have been on the NJCRC agenda such as the Meech Lake Accord, inter-ethnic relations and countering Christian missionary activity.

Over the last year appeals to the higher courts in the hate trials of Ernst Zundel, James Keegstra and Don Andrews and Robert Smith have attracted significant attention, with the NJCRC playing an important role in ensuring that the Jewish community's concerns were being heard. CJC will be seeking leave to be heard at the Supreme Court of Canada level.

Both the committee's chairman and staff have been involved in briefing various regions on such issues as anti-Semitism and its effect on our multicultural fabric.

At the most recent NJCRC meeting in Montreal there was representation from all seven

regions. Items discussed included: religious education in public schools; a problem at the Edmonton Public Library involving the stacking of anti-Semitic/Holocaust denial books; ongoing developments in the affair of anti-Semitic Moncton school teacher Malcolm Ross; hate propaganda legislation; proselytizing and specifically the targeting of the Jewish community by Christian fundamentalists and evangelical groups for the purpose of conversion; and a case dealing with a Sabbath observing member of the World Wide Church of God employed by the Central Alberta Dairy Pool. After he refused to work on Saturdays the Alberta Human Rights Commission took up his case, but the Alberta Court of Appeal ruled against the employee and the commission, arguing that work scheduling was a "bona fide job

requirement."

Wilder reports that CJC and the Seventh Day Adventist Church will be seeking leave from the Supreme Court of Canada to intervene on the Alberta Dairy Pool matter. Highly respected constitutional lawyer John I. Laskin has agreed to act for CJC on this intervention.

Community relations

"The NJCRC plays a pivotal role as a national Jewish committee in overseeing and coordinating community relations issues affecting Canadian Jewry," emphasizes Wilder. "The ability to elicit opinion and map strategies with a wide variety of Jewish lay and professionals on these and other issues helps CJC advocate for a vision of Canada that is characterized by respect for all racial, religious and ethnic communities."

BB actively promotes more Israel tourism

On December 7, some fifty Canadians designated as Honorary Israeli Ambassadors of Tourism left for a one week tour of Israel at the cost of \$300 per person on Operation Solidarity.

The trip was co-sponsored by Operation Independence, El Al, B'nai Brith Canada and Israeli Government Tourism.

On January 3, two plane-loads of Canadians will participate in a week-long visit to Israel on the 40th Anniversary Unity Mission for under \$1,000. The tour, which sold out quickly, is sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario Region), Canadian Zionist Federation, Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal.

The object of both tours is to promote Israel travel and demonstrate Canadian Jewry's

solidarity with the people of Israel.

In keeping with this all important thrust, B'nai Brith Canada has announced its Annual President's Mission scheduled for the spring school break, March 14-29, which this year will go to Poland and Israel. The cost of this trip from the darkness to the light is \$2,999 per person.

In addition, B'nai Brith Canada is also planning its Second Annual Summer Family Trip to Israel, July 17-31, which includes Bar and Bat Mitzvah Programs at the Kotel. The price for the summer trip is \$2,500 per person.

Anyone interested in participating in the Israel trips in March or July may contact Gittel Tatz at the Ottawa B'nai Brith office at 234-4922.

Reprinted here is a letter received by Holocaust Committee Chairman Vera Gara from Germany's Ambassador to Canada Wolfgang Behrends following the Kristallnacht commemoration evening.

THE AMBASSADOR
OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

Ottawa, 30 November 1988

Dear Mrs. Gara,

Many thanks for your kind letter. I am very grateful to you for having invited me to participate in the most remarkable and very moving ceremony to mark the 50th anniversary of Kristallnacht.

It is indeed necessary to remind the world of man's capacity for evil and inhumanity. It is particularly necessary for Germans to remember the vicious crimes which in November 1938 some Germans committed against their co-citizens, aided and abetted by the State.

It is necessary for Germans to remember that while many Germans reacted to the Kristallnacht with a feeling of unease, of revulsion and of sympathy with their Jewish neighbours and too quickly resigned to believing that there was nothing they could do about it. Credulity, lack of concern, cowardice create an environment in which inhumanity thrives.

Thanking you again for your kind invitation,

Yours sincerely,

W. Behrends
Wolfgang Behrends



Cynthia Engel
EDITOR



The other day one of our children, who occasionally deigns to read this commentary, came to me and said, "Hey, Mom, why don't you do a column on how well kids from Hillel do in high school?"

Had my hearing failed?

Was I dreaming?

Did the request actually emanate from the very child who, scant years before, delighted in referring to that excellent school of learning with a phrase usually reserved to describe such venerable correctional institutions as Sing Sing or the Kingston Pen — "The Big House" — which he had learned at the knee of the quick-witted David Baker, an older Hillel graduate and former member of our car pool.

"Explain," I demanded, "and give names. I want names."

And without a moment's hesitation he complied, rapidly firing off a good twenty names without stopping for a breath.

And then he went on to list a good many more.

"Yeah," he said in the vernacular of the teenager which causes an editor/mother to mentally scream *yes not yeah* "Hillel kids do really well in high school."

So I decided to take his suggestion which seemed particularly timely with the fall season wearing down and winter holidays approaching.

Obviously the long years of car-pooling are well worth the effort when a former Hillelite gives an unsolicited testimonial to the quality of the training received at his alma mater.

So, long-suffering car-pooling Moms and Dads, smile when you're fighting that early morning and late afternoon traffic with a carload of rambunctious kids.

And keep up the good work, Hillel — you're doing something very right!

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Hillel Students Make Great Gridiron Gains

Smiling at their success are the members of the Hillel Academy Football Team, grades 7 & 8. The team, coached by David Kardish and supervised by sports teacher Viviana Fiszman, placed second in its zone in the recent OBE Touch Football Competition. Front row, left to right, Eddie Clayman, Steven Presser, Jonny Cracower, Jonathan Turkel, Jason Goldrosen, Eddie Van Dam. Back row, left to right, Doug Nathanson, Seth Boro, Tyson Bidner, Ari Cherun, Michael Baker, Matthew Lederman, Ofer Vardi, Zev Williams, Jason Solomon.

Stand Up and Be Counted

By Vera Klein,
Incoming Chair, UJA Women's Division



"Shalom y'all!"

There's nothing quite as charming as a Southern accent...New Orleans, renowned for hospitality, provided the perfect setting for the annual General Assembly (G.A.). A festive, gracious, and "freilach" feeling pervaded the entire conference.

Women's Division got off to a good start, Tuesday, November 15, at the evening plenary and reception. Chairwoman Helene Berger (Miami) welcomed over 1000 Jewish women from Canada and the United States. Excellent speakers Deborah Lipstadt and Judi Widetsky addressed the major issues facing Jewish women in North America and Israel and how we can respond to them most creatively. The key issue is education — educating women as to where their place in society is and bringing them to the level where they want to be active in their community.

How can this be done? Women must educate themselves. They must also act as mentors to younger women, and as role models for this and the next generation. Women are nurturers and good conciliators, and these strengths should be utilized.

Early Wednesday morning, twenty Canadian women met informally over breakfast to exchange ideas. Three of us were to present an event, function or program that had been successful for Women's Division in our respective cities. I decided to speak about the Dr. Ruth function, which had proven to be financially rewarding as well as insightful and enlightening to all who heard Dr. Ruth Westheimer speak about her life as a child of the Holocaust.

I also spoke about the re-emergence of our Business and Professional Section, which is growing stronger every day in numbers and in meaningful programs.

I got some very good ideas from the other Canadian women but unfortunately we had only one short hour to exchange them before the next session began. We will meet again January 29-31 in Calgary for an intensive two days of "Ideas Exchange".

In the next four sessions, I had the privilege of listening to many inspiring and accomplished women. Summarized here are their profound words of wisdom.

Bobbi Klotz, Chairwoman, National UJA Women's Division: "Our goal is not dollars, but for all Jews to live a life of quality. We need the dollars to accomplish that. One dollar doesn't buy what it bought last year. But for every dollar that is lost, someone will suffer. Those who do receive our help ultimately get back into the mainstream. This mainstream, and the Jewish ambience that is created when one feels a part of the com-

munity, is what makes us all feel a little more secure".

Judge Miriam Walzer, of the New Orleans Criminal District Court, spoke about her childhood in Germany — she and her mother and sisters were hidden by Nuns in a convent during the war.

Judge Walzer maintained that not only are all Jews responsible for one another, but for all others as well. Jews will be scapegoats in a world where there is a disappearing middle class and the gap between rich and poor is wide, she said. In a soft, but firm tone Judge Walzer urged all women to help other women get jobs, get elected, get good day-care. And she urged us all to concentrate on acts of loving kindness, charity and justice that extends to all human beings, regardless of religion or race. She was accorded a standing ovation.

In a seminar on leadership, Shoshana Cardin, past president CJF, said that we are the generation of women, who have the opportunity to make a difference. "You must raise your voice to address an issue, and you have the responsibility to raise that issue".

Mrs. Cardin said, "There is a power in one voice. We may not like some of the politics in Israel, but this is not the time to desert our people, our family in Israel, even when they're making mistakes. You don't desert families when they make mistakes."

"We have not sacrificed, we have not been in jeopardy, we've not had to alter our lifestyle. All we have had to give is our money, and we'll have to give even more. We have more decisions to make in our immediate future, our consciousness has to be raised even more, but we don't have to sacrifice, and we haven't been honest about that."

"We are the freest group of women in the world. No other generation of women has had the opportunity that we have to be heard, to take the challenge, to be courageous, to be involved in decision-making — to make a difference. For the year 2000, we are establishing the road for tomorrow. It is less than a Bar Mitzvah away!"

For anyone who feels strongly about U.J.A., Jewish causes and the destiny of our People, a General Assembly will reinforce everything you've ever felt about being Jewish and involved.

Correction

Somewhere between typing and typesetting, a number of names were inadvertently omitted in the last issue. Thanks are due to the following members of the B&P Steering Committee: Paula Agulnik, Benita Blustein, Marlene Levine and Evelyn Stone.



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View from the Pulpit



"Who Is A Jew?"

Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow

By Rabbi Mordecai Berger
Young Israel

I have just returned from a trip to Israel and the issue of "Who is a Jew" galvanizes the attention of world Jewry. With emotions running high, it is important to understand this issue, its ramifications and reasonable response.

•Point #1: The "Who is a Jew" issue has been decided in North America long ago. Every orthodox Rabbi and congregation accepts no less than "Giyur K'halachah". Needless to say Bar Mitzvas, weddings and other religious functions could never be accepted for non-Jews who converted non-halachically. Here in Ottawa Rabbis Aranov, Berger, Bulka and Sonnenschein subscribe to this principle.

•Point #2: What constitutes a proper conversion to Judaism? Four basic steps are involved in conversion: 1) Circumcision, 2) Immersion in a mikveh, 3) Acceptance of the principles, teachings, and practices of Torah, 4) The above mentioned steps must be undertaken with the guidance and supervision of a "Bet-din" who believe and observe all the principles, teachings and practices of the Torah. This process brings the non-Jew into the Jewish people, with absolute equality to other Jews.

•Point #3: Why must the convert be more scrupulous in his/her commitment and observance, than the born Jew? To join a faith community is not a light matter. It is a commitment. The original Jews chose to enter into a covenant with G-d. They chose this for themselves and for their descendants. The simple biological fact of birth to Jewish parents automatically confers Jewish identity. Most nations, for example, have a rule that birth within the geographical boundaries of the country automatically confers citizenship. You may not like the country, you may disapprove of its legislation, you may even agitate against it, but you are a citizen nonetheless. A convert, however, as a new citizen to a country, must be willing to make a pledge of commitment and observance. Can one apply for membership in a faith, a party, a club, while declaring one's basic disagreement with its teachings, program rules, and even its conditions for membership.

Point #4: Is the "Who is a Jew" issue worth the uproar and friction caused in the Jewish community? Are not religious institutions being threatened to lose funding for their institutions, if they support "Giyur K'halachah"? The issue of proper conversion, touches the very core of our being, the essence of our being one indivisible people. We may have different religious expressions or places of worship but our basic Jewishness unites us as one people. When a non-Jew goes through a non-Halachic conversion, it strikes at what Judaism considers the essence of history of the people of Israel: The Birth or Covenant between Israel and G-d. A non-Halachic conversion strikes at the heart of this covenant — and thereby breaks the hearts of those loyal to it.

While the financial threat to religious institutions is a sad commentary on this issue, surely so vital a subject cannot be decided on the grounds of dollars and cents. Three thousands years of history, defining one Jewish people, cannot be discarded merely on financial grounds.

To summarize this discussion, I would like to recommend a single standard for conversion — Giyur K'halachah — so each non-Jewish convert can be accepted fully into the Jewish faith by all Jews. Furthermore, a call to all Reform and Conservative Rabbis to clearly tell the non-Jewish converts, that a reform or conservative conversion will not be recognized in any orthodox congregation and the state of Israel. Let's be fair to the non-Jewish convert. Let's do justice to preservation of the Jewish people. I will be happy to discuss this matter both privately and publicly with any individual or group in our community. Please feel free to call my office.

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Ethiopian Jews are included in Amnesty International report

Amnesty International, the Nobel prize-winning human rights organization, in October published their annual report on world human rights conditions and violations, which included a section on the treatment of Ethiopian Jews in Ethiopia.

Thirty-eight Jewish prisoners had been held during the past 18 months in Addis Ababa for attempting to leave the country and join their families in Israel.

Amnesty International's report states, "At least 30 Ethiopian Jews, members of the Beta Israel sect (House of Israel, known as Falashas), were arrested in Addis Ababa, where they were still held without charge or trial at the end of the year.

They were apparently accused of helping to arrange for Ethiopian Jews to emigrate to Israel. Some eight others were reportedly arrested in March for trying to leave the country illegally."

The prisoners were finally released in two batches nearly 18 months later in the summer of 1988. It is widely believed that the releases came as a good-will gesture toward the United States and the American Jewish community.

...held outside the framework of the law

In the section on Ethiopia, Amnesty International states that most political prisoners in Ethiopia were held outside the framework of the law. Hundreds of political prisoners were detained "without formal charge or trial" and "conditions in which political prisoners were held were harsh. The authorities disclosed no information and prisoners' relatives or former prisoners were often forced into silence

by threats of reprisals." Furthermore, the report says that Ethiopians were also reportedly arrested for "seeking to avoid military conscription or to flee the country, a 'counter-revolutionary' offence for which the penalty may be lengthy imprisonment or, in special cases, death."

For the 10,000 Ethiopian Jews remaining in Ethiopia, and who wish to be reunited with their 16,000 immediate family members now in Israel, seeking to emigrate means risking these penalties.

Commenting on the controversial government resettlement and re-villagization programs, the organization observes, "Some people who refused to take part in the program of obligatory resettlement in new villages, which involved over three million people in 1987, were also reported to have been arrested."

The report concludes with the statement, "Amnesty International's information indicated that, with few exceptions, the article of the 1981 Special Penal Code prohibiting ill-treatment of prisoners had been ignored."

Amnesty International reported the arrests of the Ethiopian Jews as part of their work to seek the release of prisoners of conscience.

According to the group, "These are people detained for their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religion who have not used or advocated violence."

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Kleiner-Cowan

Leo and Yetta Kleiner and Larry and Adele Cowan are delighted to announce the engagement of their children, David and Cynthia.

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From Soup to Nuts

By Donna Karlin

Winter holidays are fast approaching and with them a great deal of entertaining. From large groups to small intimate dinners, we always look for the hors d'oeuvre that whets the appetite. Here are a few that can be whipped up quickly and effortlessly — and even more quickly, disappear!

Fresh Dates Stuffed with Cream Cheese and Almonds

20 fresh dates
8 oz. cream cheese
1 cup toasted, chopped almonds
1/4 cup ground almonds

With a sharp vegetable parer, split the dates lengthwise along the top and remove the pit. Soften the cream cheese with a little milk and stir in the ground almonds. Place this mixture in a pastry bag fitted with a fluted tip and pipe lines of this into the dates. After each date is filled, dip the top of the cream cheese into the toasted almonds so that it becomes coated with nuts. Yield: 20

Mini Pizzas

20 dried bread croutons (recipe follows)
3 oz. strong cheddar, finely sliced
1 tsp. oregano
4 small tomatoes, skinned and sliced

Put a slice of tomato on each of the dried bread croutons. Cut the cheese into small squares and lay them on top of the tomato. Sprinkle with oregano and garnish with half a black olive. Broil the mini pizzas under a hot broiler until the cheese has melted. Serve immediately.

Note: The pizzas can be broiled before the party and left to cool. Reheat them in a moderate oven just before serving.

Dried Bread Croutons
Preheat the oven to 325 F. Cut any type of sliced bread into 1 inch circles. Place them on a baking sheet and bake until crisp and dry.

Tomato, Mozzarella and Black Olive Kabobs

4 oz. mozzarella cheese
10 black olives, pitted and halved
2 tomatoes, peeled
Cut the mozzarella into 1/2 inch cubes. Cut the tomatoes in half. Remove the seeds and cut the flesh of each tomato into 10 strips. Thread a cube of mozzarella on each cocktail toothpick and put a strip of tomato on one side and the olive on the other, both facing inwards towards the cheese square. Yield: 20 kabobs

Smoked Whitefish Mousse in Smoked Salmon Parcels

1 smoked whitefish, skinned and boned
3 Tbsp. heavy cream, lightly whipped
1 tsp. horseradish
salt and pepper to taste
6 oz. smoked salmon
20 tiny sprigs of dill
lemon juice

In a processor, grind the smoked whitefish. Mix with the whipped cream and season with the lemon juice, horseradish, salt and pepper. Cut the smoked salmon into 40 strips, approximately 1 inch by 3 inches. Lay the two strips of smoked salmon on the work surface, arranged in a cross. Put a spoonful of smoked trout mousse in the centre of the cross and fold the ends over the top. Decorate with dill.

Note: The smoked whitefish mousse freezes well. The parcels can be made ahead of time (a day ahead) and covered with plastic wrap in the fridge.

Monica Stein chairing Jan. 22 city-wide Tu B'Shvat Telethon

Irving Rivers, Jewish National Fund chairman, has announced that Monica Stein has been appointed the 1989 Tu B'Shvat Telethon Chairman.

The Telethon will be held on Sunday, January 22 from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the premises of Ideal Plumbing Supplies.

An active member of the Telethon committee for several years, Mrs. Stein is looking forward to a very successful tree planting campaign this year. She brings to the position a background rich in fundraising as a member of the UJA Cabinet, Women's Division; chairman of the Machzikei Hadas Summer Strawberry Tea; and her membership in National Council of Jewish Women. As well, she has worked for many years in a fundraising capacity for the Hillel Academy Parents' Association.

As Tu B'Shvat Telethon chairman, Mrs. Stein's goal is



Monica Stein

for every member of the Ottawa Jewish Community to plant a tree in Israel and to join forces with all Canadian Jewry toward a common goal of planting 310,000 trees on this occasion.

Tu B'Shvat, the "New Year of the Trees" in Israel marks the end of the rainy season and the beginning of spring. This "rebirth" is observed by the mass planting of trees in Israel.

This year, more than ever, it is essential the new trees be planted to wipe out the acts of tree terrorism which recently took place in Israel. The task confronting the Jewish National Fund is enormous. The devastation must be cleaned up and the funding for new trees must come from Diaspora Jewry.

The Telethon provides the opportunity for Ottawans to share in replenishing the forests. By planting a tree on the occasion of Tu B'Shvat every member of the Ottawa Jewish community can show his support and solidarity with the State of Israel and the Jewish people. Trees are \$7.00 each.

Mrs. Stein urges anyone wishing to participate as a canvasser to call her at home at 738-0314 or the JNF office at 230-9047.

ANNOUNCEMENT

John I. Tavel, Q.C. and Martin Z. Black are pleased to announce the formation of their new law partnership.

Mr. Tavel was formerly a partner with Goldberg Shinder Gardner Kronick & Tavel, and is certified by The Law Society of Upper Canada as a specialist in civil litigation.

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Principal attending Dec. educators conf.

Judith Hersh, principal at Temple Israel, together with over 150 Reform Jewish educators from all over the U.S. and Canada, will be attending the 34th annual National Association of Temple Educators Conference to be held in Chicago, Illinois, December 22 through 26.

N.A.T.E. is the professional organization of over 600 men and women from Canada, England, Israel, the Republic of South Africa and the United States, who are the educators, principals, rabbis and cantors responsible for providing the leadership in religious education for congregations affiliated with the Union of American Congregations.

"Kaleidoscope: Vision of Jewish Education" is the theme of the conference which has

been designed to help Reform Jewish Educators discover, explore and share their visions for Jewish Education.

The goal of the conference is to enrich the educational leaders in order to benefit the congregations they serve, through a variety of workshops and programs focusing on visions for the educator, teacher, student, school and congregation.

An historic appointment

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Looking Back

A History of
the Ottawa Jewish Community
1857-1987

By Herman Roodman



- 1987 A highly observant and respected gentleman who came to Ottawa in 1940 is Reverend Harry Weissbord. With the exception of twelve years of dedicated service with the Adath Jeshurun Congregation from 1944 to 1956, Rev. Weissbord has been the beloved Baal Tfila and Baal Kria at Machzikei Hadas Synagogue, whose Congregation has feted him for his devotion to duty in the service of Synagogue and Community. Rev. Weissbord's 47 years of continuous service is a remarkable achievement for which all of us are extremely grateful.
- 1987 Mr. Nathan Lewin has rendered long and loyal service as a faculty member of our Hebrew Educational System. After thirty-two years as a highly admired and able teacher, Mr. Lewin retired from his position in 1985.
- 1987 One of the most popular and admired citizens of our Community is none other than Mr. Sol Max. Here is a gentleman of stature who is respected by countless people in the National Capital Region. Businessman, Past President of Kiwanis, and former Trustee of the Ottawa Public School Board, Sol Max has rendered exemplary service to the Nation's Capital. We salute Sol on the completion of more than twenty years as a talented violinist with the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra and for his outstanding contribution of leadership to the world of music over a period of sixty years in Ottawa. To Sol and Lillian and to their loved ones, we extend warmest wishes for good health and happy tidings.
- 1987 May 20, 1987 was a significant day for the courageous citizens of Metullah in Israel when that location became the site of the dedication of the Hy Hochberg Memorial Sports Centre. The facility, not far from the Lebanese border, and funded by the United Israel Appeal of Canada, will serve the Community of Metullah as a haven of relaxation from the tensions of everyday life. Hy's widow, Pauline, and their children, were present for the dedication ceremony. It has often been stated that the late Hy Hochberg was able to gain the respect of young and old because of his love for the community and his commitment to its needs and goals. As well, it was he who shaped the structure of the Ottawa Community, making it the envy of many a Jewish Community.
- 1987 The summer of 1987 welcomed the return of Rabbi and Mrs. Saul Aranov and their family to Ottawa and Congregation Beth Shalom. Since their departure from Ottawa in 1980, the Rabbi has served various Congregations and positions in Israel, South Africa and London, England. Rabbi Aranov is recognized widely as a Talmid Chacham, distinguished for his scholarly learning.
- 1987 The outstanding gentleman who is regarded as the Dean of Ottawa Jewry is Mr. Thomas Sachs. Indeed in our Community, his name is one of integrity and honour. In the nineteen thirties and forties, Mr. Sachs was the President of Congregation Agudath Achim, for a period of six years. When Mr. A.J. Freeman passed away in 1944, Mr. Sachs succeeded him as President of the Ottawa Vaad Ha'Ir, for a four-year term until 1948. Through the years, he has donated and presented countless volumes of the Five Books of Moses and other prizes to deserving students and graduates of our Talmud Torah and Hillel Academy. The Gilbert Greenberg Distinguished Service Award was presented to Mr. Sachs in 1983, in recognition of his exceptional service to the Jewish Community over the course of many years — the highest award the Community can bestow. Today, still a young man in his nineties, Tom Sachs, as he is fondly called, is one of the most respected and loved personalities in our Community. We salute this kindly, remarkable gentleman, and wish him the blessings of continued long life and good health.

Hopes enthusiasm over family trip to Israel motivates others

By Vivian Caplan

Have you ever thought of taking your family to Israel? Some years ago, my late mother, Alice Edelson, used to say "Vivian, you travel all over the world, why don't you go to Israel?"

My answer was "I'm really not interested."

Years later, after my mother had died, I went to Israel on a tour. I found it was not at all what I had expected.

It was springtime as our El Al plane descended playing *Jerusalem of Gold* on its P.A. system. My heart beat a little faster and the tears began to flow. There were orange trees below us and everything wasn't brown as I had expected, but green and beautiful.

I fell in love with that fascinating little country. How sad I was that my mother never knew I had gone, and how I felt.

I have returned on several occasions, either to attend International Council of Jewish Women's seminars or to be with relatives and friends.

I began to think how wonderful it would be if I could take my whole family and see Israel through their eyes. When I told them of my idea, all were enthusiastic and began checking to see when the three boys could be away for two weeks.

The boys, Noah 8, Zak 12, and Laurent 16, all go to different schools, so it took a bit of arranging and re-arranging. Zak is to have his Bar Mitzvah there.

Our trip is arranged for March. I have been researching this project for a year. I feel I have selected the right agency in Israel to take care of my specific needs. They were very interested in my ideas about family travel and assured me they would be pleased to make arrangements to suit different family needs.

Perhaps my enthusiasm for this type of family trip will be contagious. I have already been instrumental in encouraging another branch of our family to do a similar tour in June.



A smiling Vivian Caplan treating herself to a shoe shine in Jerusalem.

I have recently returned from Israel where I attended another ICJW Seminar at Kibbutz Ma'ale Hachamisha. The kibbutz was full, but in Tel-Aviv and Jerusalem, where I spent a couple of weeks, it saddened me to see the hotels nearly empty. There were German and Spanish tours, but few Jews. While there I made final arrangements for our trip.

If anyone is interested in hav-

ing a family trip to Israel, I would be very pleased to share my information. It could be your trip of a lifetime. I'm sure it will be mine.

Tourism is so important to Israel. My sole interest is to help Israel's tourism purely as a volunteer. I can be reached at 733-6938, or write to Vivian Caplan, 426 Simpson Road, Ottawa, K1H 5A9.

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Weizmann project attractive to young scientists

A 12 year-old girl writes to the museum of Science, "I want to become a scientist because I am extremely interested in dinosaurs."

A fourth grader wants to know how polluted water can be made fit to drink.

A 9 year-old writes, I am running a science club. Plus I am a big science freak, I would love to get your Science-By-Mail. Please send quickly.

Science-By-Mail, just started at the Boston Museum of Science, is a first-of-its-kind program for North American students in grades 4-9. It will work like a correspondence course: Students will receive problems by mail. They, in turn, will send their suggestions in the form of models or videos or written solutions to scientists who have volunteered to serve as tutors and pen-pals. Students who join Science-By-Mail will be invited to meet their scientist mentors at a science festival where they will solve problems together.

The project started as one of a series of youth-centered programs at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Rehovot, Israel's major interdisciplinary research facility. The Institute directors then invited the Boston Museum to be its first American partner in the enterprise. Museums in Chicago and San Francisco are watching to see how Science-By-Mail works in Boston.

Students challenged

Israeli students were challenged to figure out a plan to rescue a sick monkey on a palm tree on a deserted island as their first problem six years ago. The goal is to motivate children to explore their surroundings by solving problems, explained Moishe Rishpon, director of youth activities at the Weizmann Institute.

Scientists at the Weizmann Institute translate the problems into Arabic and other languages to reach wider audiences, Rishpon said. "We hope to motivate students who were never interested in science before by showing them that scientists are human beings like themselves who started out by asking questions and looking for the answers."

American junior high student participants in the program will receive their first problem when they will be notified that "You have been selected as a member of the Waste Management Committee for the American Space Station, which is being designed at NASA. We need a workable method for disposing of and reducing the amount of trash created by astronauts living in the space station."

Armed with a description of the station and its crew, students will be asked to investigate the type and total amount of waste that 10 families in their own neighborhood generate. How to reduce the trash and recycle it without burning it or throwing it into orbit will be their first challenge. Younger students will get the same problem with more hints.

The students will each have one mentor, and scientists will each work with a number of children.

Nov. 9 a record financial success

Negev Dinner honors Jack Smith

The Executive of the Jewish National Fund of Ottawa extends a sincere thank you to the Ottawa community for your overwhelming support of the recent Negev Dinner campaign. An outstanding record financial success was achieved and over 550 people crowded the auditorium to pay tribute to Jack Smith.



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Ben Dworkin

Talent Bank — A First For Us

There is always something new along the way that requires involvement of retired seniors in programs for the general welfare of our community.

The latest — a "Senior Talent Bank."

What is it? What are the functions?

Simply put, the Talent Bank, now well along in the organizational stage here, is a new volunteer activity sponsored by the J.S.S.A. (Jewish Social Services Agency).

But there is a difference. The cost will come out of the federal public purse, and will not create any drain on the much needed funds of the Agency.

Simply put, the Talent Bank will enlist the aid of more (and fresh) volunteers to engage in specific programs to fill goals that have not yet been undertaken in our community.

The program is expected to break new ground. For example, among the plans are projects to narrow the generation gap and become better acquainted with the younger people. Tentative programs include surrogate grandparents "Big Bubbes" and "Big Zaides" (similar to the well-known Big Brothers and Big Sisters). The program also includes plans to achieve a closer affiliation and contact with Hillel Academy and similar Jewish educational institutions.

(For example: assisting on field trips; helping at recess; helping with extracurricular activities such as coaching, drama, etc.; assisting the young with their snow suits; reading to the children; helping with reading; etc.)

The Talent Bank is not new or experimental. There are eight similar talent banks in operation in communities across the province, including Toronto, Windsor, Belleville, Hamilton-Wentworth, Richmond Hill, Lambton, and Sarnia.

But there is one big difference.

This is the first Senior Talent Bank to be organized by a Jewish agency, to serve a Jewish community.

The Senior Talent Bank Association of Ontario spells it out.

"The Senior Talent Banks are composed of retired people who: promote and encourage the development of senior talent throughout the province; promote an awareness of the experience, skills and talents of seniors in the provinces. Each Senior Talent Bank is unique and may be developed according to local needs and resources."

There are no limits placed on the scope of the projects — each group is totally autonomous, to serve as it sees fit.

Much of the progress to date is the result of the efforts of Brenda Jackson, a student of the University of Western Ontario, who volunteered to devote her entire summer at J.S.S.A. phoning, writing, planning and organizing to lay the groundwork for a talent bank here. She has a Bachelor's degree in psychology and aims at specializing in working with seniors.

The current Ottawa committee which has spent many hours to turn the vision into a reality include: Dora Finkelman, Becky Glustein, Jacob Gorfinkel, Pearl Greenberg, Rose Lithwick, Joe Swedlove, and Molly Tradurks.

And of course Beverly Grostern and Margo Silverman of the J.S.S.A. staff.

What is now essential for the success of our Talent Bank is the participation of more, more and more volunteers.

Try it!

It will be a rewarding experience for all concerned in any phase of the venture.

All it takes is a phone call to Bev or Margo at the J.S.S.A. — 235-0000 (easy to remember).

Progress will be reported in further columns.

Anything else of interest will be appreciated. Please drop a line to Ben Dworkin, c/o The Ottawa Jewish Bulletin, 151 Chapel Street, Ottawa, K1N 7Y2.

R.S.V.P.

Requests for Seniors Volunteer Programs

Volunteer Support for seniors living at home during winter months urgently needed. Can you spare a few hours? Call Bev 235-0000.

Sewing machine worker needed for Hillel Lodge Women's Auxiliary Arts and Craft group. Wednesday morning. Call Ann 236-7132.

Seniors Tour and Travel needs volunteers to plan day, weekend and international trips. Contact Michael at 232-7306.

Afternoon Tea is served daily at Hillel Lodge. Please lend us a hand. Call Ann at 236-7132.

Senior Couple living close to JCC needs help with getting to hospital appointments. Contact Bev at 235-0000.

Musically inclined volunteers needed to help plan Jewish Music Festival and/or join Ottawa Jewish musicians network. Call Michael or Paula at 232-7306.

Maimonides Board of Governors to help shape future direction

Maimonides has announced the establishment of a Board of Governors comprising community leaders and lay people committed to Jewish survival through education.

Daniel Monson, Q.C. will serve as the first chairman of the board.

Maimonides has developed into a flourishing day school, serving close to 160 children through the dedication of its staff and parent body.

The Board of Governors will provide an opportunity for committed Jews to help shape the future direction of the school. One of the Board of Governors' first priorities will be to create a greater awareness of the vital contribution Maimonides has made in its decade of service to the Jewish Community in Ottawa.

The present membership of the Board of Governors includes: Edith Monson, John and Gladys Greenberg, Lorry and Carole Greenberg, Steven and Heidi Polowin, Dave and Debi Shore, Sid and Sara Green, Lou and Evelyn Eisenberg, Dr. Oskar and Pam Hofmann, Dr. Joseph and Vera Straus, Barry and Marcia Cantor, Dr. Joseph and Deborah Caytak, Dr. Andre and Shelly Engel, Steven and Shelli Kim-



In attendance at the first meeting of the Maimonides Board of Governors, left to right: Edith Monson, Gladys Greenberg, Dr. Eric Stulberg, John Greenberg and Daniel Monson.

mel, Jack and Eva Minuk, Bob Dale and Elaine Friedberg. The inaugural meeting took place November 13.

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Book Review

Sharon Drache
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The Garden and the Gun By Erna Paris

Lester and Orpen Dennys, 292 pages, \$15.95 (paper)

During the winter of 1987, Toronto born journalist and author, Erna Paris spent two months travelling within Israel hoping to learn the realities of the 40-year-old reborn Jewish state.

Early on in her personal explorations, she was repeatedly thwarted by her basic quest, a desire to delineate between the religious and the secular, the separation of synagogue and state.

Had she set herself an impossible task she wonders at the end of her trip which took her to East Jerusalem, a Jewish settlement on the West Bank, a Palestinian refugee camp, two kibbutzim (one on the Lebanese border and one in the Golan Heights), as well as to various institutions within Israel that she thought might reveal the Israeli reality and the Jewish dream.

The reality and the dream as defined by the Zionists is not unified, Paris' homework tells her, and she always does her homework. Her research adds substance to her travelogue; everything she observes falls into a carefully studied context.

She reviews for readers the philosophies of Theodor Herzl (the founding father of modern Zionism), Ahad Ha'am (late 19th century) and Vladimir Jabotinsky (early to mid 20th century.)

The Haredim were burning posters of women in bathing suits...

Perhaps Herzl, with his revolutionary fervor, compelled by pogroms and the nasty Dreyfus affair had tackled more than he and his beleaguered people could handle, the physical return to a homeland from which they had been exiled for 2,000 years.

Paris informs us that Ahad Ha'am "added a new wrinkle. He taught that in order to survive the Jews needed to strengthen their 'national spirit' as exemplified in the teachings of the prophets, which meant the expression of their traditional morality."

Jabotinsky had new concerns.

He was preoccupied with the security of Herzl's and Ahad Ha'am's two-pronged ideology.

In Paris' view these three thinkers helped shape the current, prevailing philosophy of the modern, democratic, Jewish state.

Her odyssey began almost a year before the *intifada* (the Palestinian uprising) when the major hot potato in Israel was the battle between the orthodox and the secular. The *Haredim* as the religious are called, were burning posters of women in bathing suits, protesting archeological excavation close to the Western Wall and vio-

lently demonstrating for the closure of Jerusalem cinemas that attempted to operate on the Sabbath.

The religious community was doing what it had never done before; it was becoming militant.

Paris examines this change in orthodox attitudes when she visits a Gush Emunim (Block of the Faithful) settlement in the West Bank and when she actually boards for a week in a women's yeshiva for returnees to the faith, "born-again Jews."

...young Israeli soldiers "canon fodder for the reborn state"

The Gush Emunim movement strikes her as fulfillment of the vision of the chief rabbi of Israel during the British Mandate, Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook. His acceptance of Zionism, in particular the re-establishment of the Jewish homeland was rationalized as "a temporary spiritual degeneration, a descent for the purpose of ascent."

Paris aptly calls this chapter, "the politics of the Messiah," implying that if the orthodox were true to themselves, they would insist on waiting for messianic deliverance. But Rabbi Kook and his cohorts decided it was in their best interests to help the Messiah along.

Rabbi Kook's son took his father's accommodating viewpoint one step further, just prior to the Six Day War. He said: "Without the holy cities of Nablus and Jericho (both of which happened to be territory controlled by Jordan), Israel was a mutilated body."

"For Zvi Yehudah Kook, the Six Day War was positive evidence of God's presence in history. In his messianic subtext, Gush Emunim were facilitators, the earthly angels, who believed in the 'Greater Israel', and that Judea and Samaria belonged to the Jewish state by right, Biblical inheritance."

Their main project, Paris learns, is the creation of a trans-Samaritan highway linking Jewish settlements which will bypass Arab towns and villages, thus making it possible to drive the length and breadth of the occupied territory without ever encountering a Palestinian.

The new West Bank reality, a growing orthodox Jewish presence, is poignantly paralleled by Paris' visit to the women's yeshiva for returnees to the faith and a trip to two border Kibbutzim. Barbed wire, once a symbol of incarceration in Nazi concentration camps, has become a symbol of physical security.

The close-mindedness of the orthodox returnees in the women's yeshiva and the necessary military defense of the



Erna Paris

Jewish settlements meld in Paris' mind.

Still, she continues to probe, making pilgrimages to the Diaspora and Yad Vashem museums. An historical context is what she is after. She refuses to look at the present without reference to the past.

Erna Paris has tried to discover where religion and secularism meet in the modern state of Israel but she has encountered an unwelcome third party, militarism.

She was upset when she kept meeting young Israeli soldiers, "canon fodder for the reborn state." But her Canadian-Jewish liberalism has never stood in the way of her genuine humanism. She is also appalled by the lack of prospects that lie ahead for the equally entrenched Palestinians, who appear to be as resilient and as patient as the Jews when it comes to waiting for return to their homeland.

Still, the portrait of modern Israelis that Paris paints is that of steadfast determination with a 5,000 year history propelling them righteously forward. It appears that the Palestinians must fit cautiously into this Israeli portrait, not vice versa.

Paris' personal journey inside Israel has taught her that the Jewish state is calling the shots even if at times it does so with awkward and uncomfortable conviction.



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The balance of power

Haredim opt for Likud—Israel's papers react

Nearly two weeks after the Knesset elections, the *haredi* (ultra-Orthodox) parties, who emerged holding the balance of power, finally chose the Likud over Labor. Many observers maintain that the *haredi* parties were merely putting on a show and were never really torn between the two choices, but rather had used their supposed indecision as a means of eliciting maximal concessions from the Likud. Both Yitzhak Shamir and Shimon Peres promised the support of their respective parties for the "Who is a Jew" amendment to the Law of Return. The religious parties were also promised key posts in such ministries as Education, Housing, Interior and Labor, and the chairmanship of the important Knesset Finance Committee.

Ma'ariv writes in its editorial (Nov. 7): "The fact that yeshiva students are exempt from military service disqualifies the *haredi* parties from serving as the balancer in any government. This is the most persuasive argument against the establishment of a narrow coalition based on a partnership between the *haredim* and either Labor or the Likud. It would be immoral — nay, inhuman — if *haredi* cabinet ministers, whose sons are exempt from service in the armed forces, would have it in their power to send the sons of others to war. It would be just as reprehensible if those *haredi* ministers, out of sensitivity to the above argument, would be the decisive factor in voting against a preemptive war, when such a war proves essential, as it did in the case of the Six Day War in 1967. It is an existential necessity that the fate of the country be entrusted only to the hands of those who are actually prepared to fight for its existence.

"Moreover, the politicians of all the parties, who are engaged in haggling over the division of the spoils, must realize that a ministry entails not only personal honor and political power, but also a sense of mission in the service of the citizenry and its day-to-day needs. This is an especially important point in regard to education. It is inconceivable that the nurturing and building of the next generation should be entrusted to the hands of men who do not believe in astronomy, archeology, geology, ancient history, genetics, and modern science in general, or in tolerance and equality for women. In short, in the hands of those who have attained power by resorting to mystical whisperings, invocations and imprecations and whose political horizons are circumscribed by their narrow-mindedness."

Above all Shamir has to look forward to a painful confrontation with the new U.S. Administration. Bush is no Reagan, and the new Secretary of State Baker is no George Shultz.

Meir Bareli writes in Ma'ariv (Nov. 10): "There is one demand of the religious parties that constitutes a grave danger to the future of the close relations between Israel and world Jewry, and therefore also constitutes a threat to the prospects of *aliya* (immigration to Israel) from the West — the 'Who is a Jew' amendment, which is intended to invalidate conversions performed by Conservative and Reform rabbis. These rabbis represent the majority of American Jewry. In the other Diasporas, too, the rabbis who serve the majority of their Jewish communities are far from being Orthodox as per the demands of the *haredi* Council of Sages. The 'Who is a Jew' amendment will carve a horrible chasm that will divide Israel from the rest of the Jewish people. It is true that the Orthodox today constitute a major portion of the trickle of *aliya* coming from the West, but that is only because *aliya* from there is only a trickle.

"There is great potential for *aliya* from among the Conservatives and the Reform. Disqualifying their rabbis and invalidating the conversions they perform would erect tremendous obstacles in the path of non-Orthodox *aliya*. The irony of it all is that those who so much want to perpetuate our rule over the whole Land of Israel, are the ones who need Conservative and Reform *aliya* the most.

"Nor should we overlook the real possibility that such a schism between Israel and the Diaspora would have catastrophic effects on fundraising and on political support for Israel on the part of American Jewry. Labor, which is opposed to the religious demand for the amendment, is fully aware of the ramifications. It would be desirable that the Likud, as well, develop such an awareness of the problem, since it is the party which is slated to bear the burden of governing

Israel."

Yoel Marcus writes in Ha'aretz (Nov. 11): "Very strange things have been happening since Yitzhak Shamir won a large enough majority to permit him to form and head a right-wing government. Even though he has finally been given the opportunity to rid himself of the partnership with Labor, and to conduct a 'truly national' policy, he has not been overly anxious to establish such a coalition. Had he wanted to, he could have cut a deal with the religious parties within a few days instead of permitting them to

they bear grudges against the Jewish lobby and a stiff-necked Israel. The signs out of Washington indicate that the Middle East conflict will be accorded a high priority on the agenda of the new Administration, which believes that the thawing of international trouble spots has been a major factor in its victory at the polls. There will be American pressures on Israel and the need for an Israeli government to make difficult decisions.

"Knowing Shamir as we do, we can guess that he is far from overjoyed at the prospect of remaining



flirt with Shimon Peres. Some of Shamir's close advisers have been whispering in his ear that he must form another unity government, so as not to surrender to the religious. Some of the younger Herut 'princes' seem to see the advantages in a coalition with Labor, and one of them is even rumored to have approached the Rabin camp in Labor with such an idea. And then there have been the reports that Shamir is considering a unity government with Labor, on condition that Labor be the one to approach him with the idea. Strange things, indeed.

"In his own party, Shamir will have to choose between seven senior ministers fighting over the

alone with his national-religious coalition partners. That is why many in the Likud are predicting a unity government once again. It is being delayed in order to build up massive public opinion to demand that such a government be set up. It goes without saying that it will be convenient for Shamir to have Rabin in defense once again, and Labor in the cabinet to provide him with an alibi for his own inaction.

"Neither the Labor party nor Shimon Peres, however, should share Shamir's interest in such a unity government. Neither Peres nor Shamir should be permitted to ignore the verdict of the voters. The final outcome of the election requires that Labor retire into the opposition, and that the voters take their chances with a government made up of the parties whom they rewarded with a clear majority of 64 Knesset seats."

Avraham Tal writes in Ha'aretz (Nov. 7): "Labor was in opposition to Likud governments for seven long years, and it was never able to undo any Likud government policy — neither the adventure in Lebanon, nor its catastrophic economic escapades — from its place in the opposition. Moreover, Labor failed three times to persuade the electorate to relegate the Likud to the opposition due to its glaring failures in government. If Labor goes into opposition again in 1988 its chances of influencing major policy areas — on questions of war and peace and the economy — will be close to nil.

"A right-wing/*haredi* coalition will be based on complementary interests. The *haredim* will give its right-wing satellites carte blanche on foreign policy issues, in exchange for legislation, ministries and budgets to advance their own religious interests. All of Labor's initiatives from the opposition in such a context will be doomed to failure.

"In such a situation, Labor's going into the opposition will be like going into an uncharted wilderness, with no apparent immediate advantages, and few hopes for the more distant future. On the other hand, participating in a two-party Likud-Labor government would have the following advantages: It would free us from the threat of *haredi* onslaught which will endanger the secular nature of the state; it would free us — including the Likud, itself — from the need to include the right-wing parties, and their extreme demands, in the government; and the chances of rehabilitating the economy would be inordinately greater if they were based on a recovery program agreed upon by two major parties.

"Nothing would be easier than to send Labor into the opposition and to deliver the country in the hands of an extremist right-wing-religious government, all the while claiming that 'our hands have not shed this blood.' It is a civic responsibility of the highest order to prevent such a thing from happening, and both the Likud and Labor must share in that responsibility."

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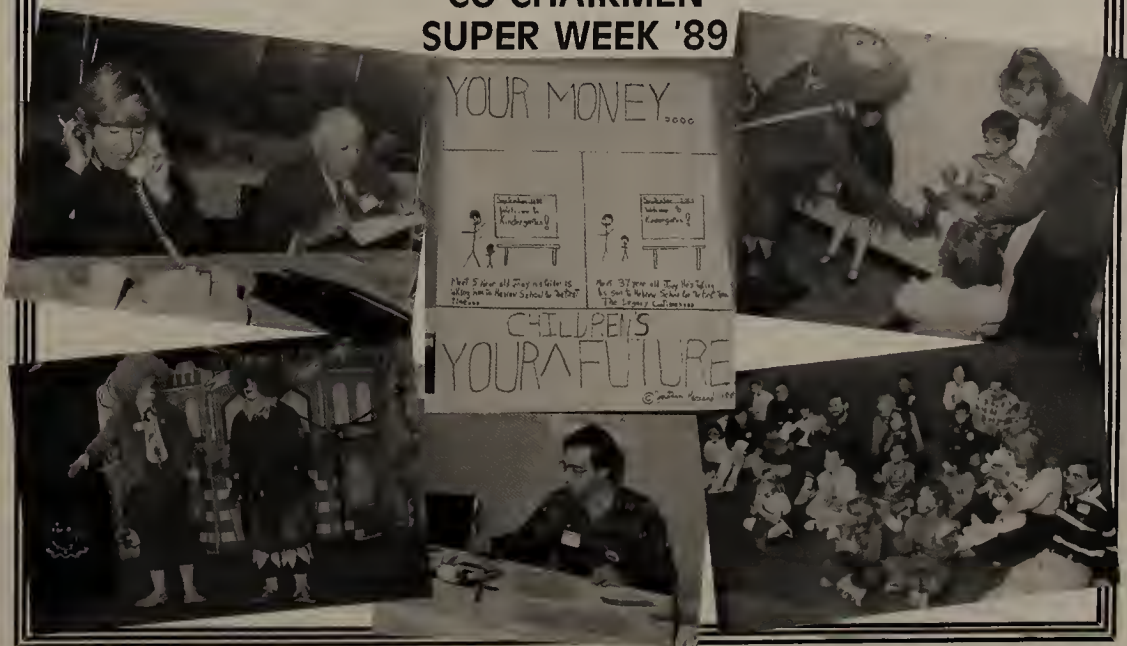


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Buck the national trend

George Bush wins less than third of Jewish vote

By Andrew Silow Carroll
NEW YORK, (JTA) — American Jews bucked the national trend that swept George Herbert Walker Bush into office as 41st president of the United States.

As in past elections, Jews voted overwhelmingly Democratic, favoring Michael Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen over the Republican ticket of Bush and Dan Quayle by more than a 2-1 margin.

Exit polling by ABC News found Jews favored Dukakis over Bush by 67 percent to 32 percent. *The Washington Post* reported that Dukakis claimed roughly seven out of 10 Jewish voters.

ABC also said Jewish voters in New York favored Dukakis by 69 percent, and by 74 percent in California.

In less scientific exit polling on election day, the American Jewish Congress found that Jewish voters favored the Democratic ticket over the Republican ticket by 77 percent to 23 percent. AJCongress volunteers queried 3,881 voters in 12 major cities.

Market Opinion Research in Detroit, a firm run by Bob Teeter, Bush's chief pollster, put the Jewish vote at 69 percent to 31 percent for Dukakis. They polled more than 4,000 Jewish voters in six states.

But Bush gained the overwhelming support of Orthodox Jews, according to the Detroit firm. Among the 10 percent of those polled identifying themselves as Orthodox, 75 percent voted for Bush.

By contrast, 28 percent of Conservative Jewish respondents and 24 percent of Reform Jews voted for Bush.

Bush also did poorly among

Jewish women. Only 20 percent of Jewish women over age 40 voted for Bush, compared to the 30 percent of the men in the same category. The breakdown for all Jewish women was not immediately available.

"We are very satisfied with

those numbers," said Mark Neuman, coordinator of Bush's National Jewish Campaign Committee. "We had enormous obstacles to overcome, the main one being that most Jews are Democrats, to be this competitive and get a signifi-

New appointee's Arab ties causing concern

NEW YORK, (JTA) — Jewish leaders reacted with caution after President-elect George Bush announced the selection of John Sununu, outgoing governor of New Hampshire, to be his White House chief of staff.

Of chief concern has been Sununu's refusal to repudiate the 1975 U.N. resolution equating Zionism with racism, in response to a 1986 campaign by the World Zionist Organization-American Section asking governors to condemn the declaration.

Sununu was the only governor to refuse, excusing himself by saying he believed it was inappropriate for a governor to get involved in foreign matters. He repeated that statement in July at the National Press Club.

He has, however, issued other proclamations of solidarity with other nations during his tenure as New Hampshire governor.

Sununu, the 49-year-old son of a Lebanese father and El Salvadoran mother,



John Sununu

is the highest-ranking U.S. office-holder to be a member of the National Association of Arab Americans.

In that position, he has shared the podium at an organization forum with a member of the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Sununu has also travelled throughout the country to represent Arab Americans before Republican conclaves.

cant share of Democrats and independents to come over and vote for George Bush."

At Bush headquarters in Houston, supporter Jack Stein, a former chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, said that among Jewish Republicans there is "a feeling of satisfaction over the results of a long and difficult campaign."

In a conciliatory statement on behalf of Dukakis' National Jewish Leadership Council, Hyman Bookbinder congratulated Bush and pledged his colleagues' support for the president-elect.

"He will get our praise and thanks when we feel he is right, but should be prepared to receive our criticism and advice when we feel he is wrong," said Bookbinder, who served as special adviser to the Dukakis campaign.

In a telephone interview, Bookbinder said that Dukakis seemed to have done even better than Walter Mondale, who he said won between 65 and 68 percent of the Jewish vote in his losing contest with President Reagan in 1984. Other sources have put Jewish support for Mondale above 70 percent.

Republican efforts to woo Jews this year focused on Jewish fears of the Rev. Jesse Jackson and his forces' attempt to pass a pro-Palestinian platform at the Democratic National Convention.

"A feeling of satisfaction over the results of a long and difficult campaign"

According to the AJCongress poll, 38 percent of the Jewish Democrats, compared to 69 percent of Jewish Republicans, expressed concern over Jackson's role in the Democratic Party.

But even more Jewish Democrats, 55 percent, said that the role of the religious right in the Republican Party influenced their vote.

Bush's Jewish supporters feel comfortable that Reagan's vice president will continue what has been perceived as a pro-Israel stance in the White House.

They point to a Republican party platform that outlines extensive military and economic cooperation between the United States and Israel, and a call for the repeal of the 1975 United Nations resolution equating Zionism with racism.

The Republican Party platform opposes a Palestinian state and any U.S. negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

But Bush has not ruled out any possibility that might be agreed upon in direct negotiations between Israel and its Arab neighbors. That includes moving the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, something he opposes until those negotiations take place.

No other president "has been so intricately involved in issues like Soviet Jewry, the rescue of Ethiopian Jews and the U.S.-Israel relations than George Bush," said Neuman of the Bush campaign committee.

But Bush's Jewish critics have said they do not trust his resolve on Israel, and point to a quote by a close aide that Bush lacks Reagan's "gut feelings" toward Israel.

Bush has supported arms sales to Arab states, they say, and he suggested sanctions against Israel after the 1981 bombing of the Iraqi nuclear reactor.

But according to Stein, who describes himself as a close friend of Bush for 18 years, the president-elect "understands Israel's security needs and is determined that as an ally, America will remain strongly committed to safeguarding Israel, including her position in the United Nations."

On the domestic front, Bush appears at odds with most Jews' stance on issues involving the separation of church and state. He supports school prayer, tuition tax credits for private schooling and criminalizing abortion.

However, substantial portions of the Orthodox community agree with Bush on those issues, as their support demonstrated.

Vice President-elect Quayle also has been seen by Jews as a cause for concern. Quayle has objections to foreign aid on philosophical grounds and has supported Arab arms deals.

The strong Jewish support for Dukakis continues to contradict what some Jewish conservatives have predicted since 1980 would be a fundamental rightward shift in Jewish politics.

Still, Stein pointed out that while there have been no major shifts among older Jewish voters, there is a decided shift among younger Jews toward the Republican camp.

"The 30 to 34 percent (of Jews who vote Republican) now is a floor on which to build," he said.

Jewish representation reaches all time high

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — With the election of three Jewish newcomers and 28 incumbents, the U.S. House of Representatives will have an all-time high of 31 Jewish members when the 101st Congress is sworn in Jan. 3. The previous high was 30 in the 99th Congress.

Two of the three Jewish incumbents seeking re-election to the U.S. Senate and two newcomers were elected, bringing the total number of Jews in that chamber back to eight. There were eight Jewish senators when the current Senate took office in 1987, but Sen. Edward Zorinsky (D-Neb.) died early in the session.

The party lineup among Jewish members of Congress will now be five Democrats and three Republicans in the Senate and 26 Democrats and five Republicans in the House.

The Jewish members of the next Senate are Rudy Boschwitz (R-Minn.), Herbert Kohl (D-Wis.), Frank Lautenberg (D-N.J.), Carl Levin (D-Mich.), Joseph Lieberman (D-Conn.), Howard Metzenbaum (D-

Ohio), Warren Rudman (R-N.H.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.).

The Jewish members of the next House of Representatives are Gary Ackerman (D-N.Y.), Anthony Beilenson (D-Calif.), Howard Berman (D-Calif.), Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.), Benjamin Cardin (D-Md.), Eliot Engel (D-N.Y.), Ben Erdreich (D-Ala.), Barney Frank (D-Mass.), Martin Frost (D-Texas), Sam Gejdenson (D-Conn.), Benjamin Gilman (R-N.Y.), Dan Glickman (D-Kan.), Willis Gradison (R-Ohio), Bill Green (R-N.Y.).

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Cautious reaction to secretary of state

WASHINGTON, (JTA) — President-elect George Bush's announcement that he will name his campaign manager, James Baker, as secretary of state has stimulated the Jewish community to learn more about Baker's attitude toward Israel.

Although Baker was President Reagan's chief of staff in the first four years of his administration and then secretary of the treasury until he resigned last August to manage the Bush campaign, he has not spoken publicly about Israel.

Bush's announcement was not unexpected, but the timing was a surprise, coming the morning after the vice president was elected to the presidency. Baker has been a friend and close associate of Bush and has made no secret that heading the State Department was the one job he wanted in government.

Secretary of State George Shultz praised the

choice of his successor. He said Baker is "intimately familiar with the foreign policy issues. He has the confidence of leaders all around the world."

Although Baker's attitude toward Israel is largely unknown, one Jewish source said he had a "gut feeling" that he would not be friendly toward the Jewish state.

The source, who insisted on anonymity, said Baker said "all the wrong things" during private discussions on the Reagan administration's sale of AWACS surveillance planes to Saudi Arabia.

However, David Brody, Washington representative of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, said Baker is "a good choice."

Brody said he has known Baker since he was under-secretary of commerce in the Ford administration. "He always has been friendly toward Israel," the ADL official said.

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Elaine Rabin, MSW Executive Director

Exodus II

By Elaine Rabin

In mid-November I attended the Council of Jewish Federations Annual General Assembly, held this year in New Orleans. I would like to share some thoughts with you concerning one of the more pressing issues brought before the delegates. The sessions I attended dealt with Jews in Distress — those in Ethiopia, Syria, Iran and the Soviet Union. It is these latter, the exodus of the Soviet Jewry on which I would like to focus. The caucus was essentially an analysis of the changes taking place in the Soviet Union; the impact of these changes on Jewish Immigration and the challenge this presents to the North American Communities.

It is obvious that many of those leaving the Soviet Union will opt to join relatives in North America. Clearly Israel, a democratic country, leans toward the pragmatic position of freedom of choice for the prospective emigre, despite the fact that Soviet citizens are issued exit permits valid for Israel. It is widely acknowledged that the time, effort and dollars spent in Israel on settlement of unhappy refugees will be wasted if these same people leave Israel to join families in other countries at a later date.

However, the sheer volume in numbers of anticipated immigrants from the Soviet Union is presenting a tremendous financial crisis to settlement communities. At this time the guestimate maintenance cost for a family of four, remaining in Rome for "in-transit" processing care is approximately ten thousand dollars. Additionally, the Canadian government requires repayment of loaned airfare to Canada for all immigrants. Thus, prior to a family setting foot in our country, the costs are considerable.

One could argue that resettlement costs are not a fac-

tor to be considered at all...and this point has been raised time and time again. However, the fact remains that resettlement costs are now being borne by the Canadian relatives who are asked to sign promissory guarantees, as are those in Rome destined to Canada for reunification. Some of these families, and I am speaking of families here in Ottawa, simply cannot afford the financial burden of the luxury of being reunited with their loved ones!

What can be done on a local level — without jeopardizing any other of the already fragile fund-raising efforts of the UJA? What springs to mind is the commitment made by the Ottawa Jewish Community to Project 4,000...a commitment to privately sponsor 50 refugees from war-ravaged Vietnam. We as a community honoured that commitment and signed an umbrella agreement with the Department of Immigration to that effect. The umbrella agreement is still in place. Certain synagogues have continued to show outstanding honour by bringing families, privately sponsored to Canada.

A viable alternative is needed to bring fellow Jews to Ottawa and to relieve the burden placed upon newly-arrived and struggling immigrant families to be reunited with relatives now waiting in Rome. If this anticipated tidal wave of refugees comes to our Canadian shores, the community must be prepared to meet the need. Never again must we be faced with a "None is Too Many" attitude, which has many guises (no-one helped me...Are they part of the Jewish Community...etc.); particularly from our own people. Therefore if you can consider forming a group for private sponsorship, please contact Janice Fine at 235-0000 or leave your name at the JSSA.

Skiing and Skating is not for Everyone

By Bev Grostern

Volunteer Co-ordinator

For many, winter is synonymous with skiing, skating and a feeling of exhilaration. Winter enthusiasts are busily pulling out their equipment and counting down to those days when conditions are just right for their favorite outdoor sport.

This is winter's bright side, but winter very often has a darker side and many seniors in our community are troubled by it. The ice and snow create barriers for them. Whereas they are able to plan and carry out daily outings during the "greener" months, seniors now begin to be more confined to their homes.

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Case of Las Vegas Nazi fancier takes on national ramifications

NEW YORK (JTA) — The case of the Nazi-fancier of "Glitter Gulch" has taken on national ramifications.

Ralph Engelstad, owner of the Imperial Palace, a 2,700-room casino hotel on the Las Vegas strip, allegedly holds parties to celebrate Hitler's birthday amid his personal collection of Nazi-era memorabilia said to be worth millions.

Hotel employees are invited or coerced to attend, it has been charged.

The University of North Dakota, in Bismarck, having learned of this, was reported recently to be pondering whether to rename the sports stadium it named for Engelstad, who has given millions to its hockey program over the years, and to return his latest \$5 million gift.

In New York, The Workmen's Circle, whose members include thousands of Holocaust survivors, had sent a letter to Engelstad asking for "an apology immediately" for the anguish caused by his annual Hitler birthday fetes.

The Workmen's Circle dismissed Engelstad's disclaimer that the festivities, complete with Nazi regalia, were just a "joke."

In Washington, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum was less than impressed by Engelstad's offer to donate his Nazi collection.

Sam Eskenazi, public affairs director of the museum, said the institution searches for Holocaust-related artifacts from liberators and survivors.

The material offered by the casino owner doesn't qualify, he told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency in a recent telephone interview.

Meanwhile, in Las Vegas, Jewish organizations that had planned to hold events at the Imperial Palace were reported to be cancelling them.

The Imperial Palace was picketed last month by the Jewish Defense League while a score of Skinheads goose-

stepped and gave the Nazi salute nearby.

Skinheads are violence-prone, shaven-headed rough-necks who admire Hitler and spout Nazi slogans. They have rallied in Engelstad's behalf.

The casino owner himself is said to be under scrutiny by the Nevada Gaming Control Board over allegations he ordered the destruction of hotel records and other documents involved in a civil suit.

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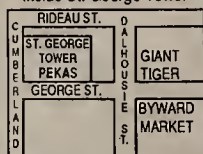


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By David A. Harris

No sooner did Andrei Sakharov arrive for his first visit to the U.S. than, true to form, he began discussing the plight of those human rights activists who had not yet become beneficiaries of glasnost and perestroika. Soviet policies that Sakharov, incidentally, enthusiastically supports.

But for those who have followed Sakharov's extraordinary career, his faithful devotion to the cause of the oppressed, whether from Moscow, exile in Gorky, or now the U.S., could come as no surprise.

Indeed, Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov is one of the moral giants of our age. Scientist, Nobel laureate, and human rights crusader, Sakharov epitomizes the grandeur and indomitable of the human spirit.

Once among the most privileged of Soviet citizens, Sakharov enjoyed all the perquisites accorded the scientific elite. His material well-being and security were assured, his status unquestioned. Yet he abandoned it all to pursue higher goals: world peace, human rights, an end to internal repression.

And, until recently, he paid a very heavy price: internal exile from 1980 to 1986, surveillance, ostracism.

Jews owe Andrei Sakharov a special debt. Not only has he fought indefatigably for peace and human rights, but he has been outspoken on behalf of Soviet Jewish emigration, Jewish prisoners of conscience, and a safe and secure Israel.

As early as 1970, Sakharov monitored the trial of the nine Jews and two non-Jews who had sought to divert a plane from Leningrad to Sweden, an incident that captured the world's attention and dramatized the plight of those seeking to leave the USSR.

The next year, together with the other two members of the Committee on Human Rights, he called on the Kremlin leadership "to end the persecution of repatriates (Soviet Jews seeking to leave for Israel) and to stop violating the right to leave the country."

Sakharov sent a letter to the U.S. Congress in September 1973 supporting the withholding of most-favoured-nation trade status until Soviet citizens were given the right to emigrate. "In our country there are tens of thousands of citizens...who wish to emigrate and who, with endless difficulties and humiliations, for years and years on end have been struggling to obtain this right."

The next year both houses of Congress overwhelmingly passed the historic Jackson-Vanik Amendment linking U.S. trade policy with Communist countries' policy on emigration.

In October 1973, two terrorists seized Soviet Jewish hostages in Austria and demanded (though they kept Austria's door open to transmitting Soviet Jews), the closing of the Schoenau camp, the transit site for Soviet Jews proceeding to the Israel.

Chancellor Kreisky acceded to the demand, provoking outrage from Andrei Sakharov.

"It is extremely painful for us to hear that two terrorists could blackmail whole nations on whom we placed our hope," Sakharov wrote. "That is a dreadful thing not only for our Jewish emigrants, but for all men who oppose bondage and terror."

Yom Kippur War

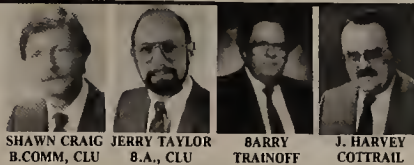
Shortly thereafter, the Yom Kippur War broke out. Reuters reported that on October 21 two guerrillas claiming to belong to the terrorist organization Black September entered Sakharov's Moscow flat, cut his telephone wires and threatened him with reprisals if he did not remain "silent on the Arab-Israeli war and cease active support for Israel."

In 1975, while the U.N. was considering the infamous "Zionism is racism" resolution, Sakharov warned the world body against sanctioning anti-Semitism.

"If this resolution is adopted," he stated, "it can only contribute to anti-Semitic tendencies in many countries by giving them the appearance of international legality. No less important is that this resolution indirectly denies the lawfulness of the existence of the state of Israel and thereby contradicts the spirit and letter of the most important U.N. decisions on this question."

Through the years, Sakharov has continued to speak out for the right of emigration and Jewish culture and against the persecution of Jewish activists, including his friend Natan Sharansky.

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Anniversary wishes to Morton and Sylvia Pleet by Mima Brucha Pleet.

Anniversary wishes to Nancy and Larry Pleet by Mima Brucha Pleet.

NANCY AND LARRY PLEET FUND

In honour of Nancy and Larry Pleet on their 35th wedding anniversary by Felice, Jeff, Erin and Jordan Pleet. In memory of Louis Pell, Mtl., father of Edna Eisenberg by Nancy and Larry Pleet. In honour of Morton Pleet on his special birthday by Nancy and Larry Pleet.

BENJAMIN AND BESSIE POLOWIN MEMORIAL FUND

In honour of Manny Grill on his special birthday by Ann Polowin; and by Helen and Gerry Polowin and family.

JACOB AND LEAH RIVERS MEMORIAL FUND

Mazal Tov to Bea and Barry Muroff on the engagement of their son Leonard to Dawn DeRoy of L.A. by Goldie and Albert Rivers.

Mazal Tov to Rose and Sam Edelson on the birth of their first great-grandson Benjamin Tait by Goldie and Albert Rivers.

Best wishes to Naomi Pearlman for a speedy recovery by Goldie and Albert Rivers.

In honour of Ben Goldberg on his special birthday by Bernice and Isaac Kerzner, Mtl.

In honour of Uncle Ben Goldberg on his special birthday by Stephen Rivers; by Cynthia, David, Alanna, Julia and Michael Nathanson; and by Jason and Helen Rivers.

Best wishes to Hy Soloway on his 75th birthday by Albert and Goldie Rivers.

In memory of Jack Goldstein by Irving and Evelyn Rivers.

HERMAN AND ZELDA ROODMAN FUND

Yasher Koach to Mr. and Mrs. David Zelikovitz and to Mr. Max Zelikovitz for their philanthropic contributions to the State of Israel, Beth Shalom Synagogue, the Ottawa Civic Hospital and the advancement of Torah education by Zelda and Herman Roodman.

In honour of Zelda and Herman Roodman on their 47th wedding anniversary by Jack and Sadie Silverman.

In memory of Jack Goldstein by Zelda and Herman Roodman.

ISADORE AND ROSSIE ROSE FUND

Best wishes to Gladys Bodnoff on her special birthday by Debbie, Norm and Vicky Ferkin.

BEN AND MARY ROSENBLATT FUND

In memory of Harry Stubina, brother of Phil by Evelyn and Issie Hoffman. In memory of Harry Shaikin by Evelyn and Issie Hoffman.

ISSIE AND MINNIE SANDLER MEMORIAL FUND

Many happy and healthy years to Al Bloom on his retirement by Renee Greenberg. Wishing Auntie Fritzi Greenberg continued good health by Renee Greenberg.

SAMUEL AND LILLIAN SASLOVE FUND

Mazal Tov to Vi and Irvin Cutler on the engagement of their son Jeff to Jan by Lil Saslove.

DR. AND MRS. NATHAN SCHECHTER FUND

In observance of the Yartzheit of a dear father Lazarus Schechter by Mr. and Mrs. Syd Schechter; and by Ann Schechter. In observance of the Yartzheit of our dear sister Sadie Cahn by Mr. and Mrs. Syd Schechter; and by Ann Schechter.

MAURICE AND GOLDIE SHABINSKY MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing a speedy recovery to Leonard Levencoff by Gloria and Barry Trainoff.

ABRAHAM AND MARY SHAFFER MEMORIAL FUND

Birthday wishes to Sam Shapiro by Laura and Murph Greenberg.

SYLVIA SHERMAN MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Phil Sherman, brother of Harry Sherman and Freda Lipson by Molly and Sol Sherman; and by Freda Radnoff.

ARNOLD SHINDER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In honour of Adele Shinder on her special birthday by Ray and Ernest Goldstein; and by Felice and Jeff Pleet and family.

ISRAEL AND JEN SHINDER FUND

Wishing a r'fuah sh'lemah to Jack Goldstein by Sally and Morton Taller.

SOL AND ZELAINE SHINDER FUND

In honour of Hy Soloway on his special birthday by Ray and Zelaïne Shinder.

Birthday wishes to Zelaïne Shinder by Gail and Stephen Victor.

Mazal Tov to Riva Freedman on the engagement of her daughter Rose Anne to Harry Prizant by Sol and Zelaïne Shinder.

HAROLD AND LILLIAN SHOIHET FUND

Birthday wishes to Harold Shoihet by Roz, Marcy and Michael Adelberg, Kitchener, Ontario.

ISRAEL AND REBECCA SHORE MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jack Goldstein by Leonard Shore.

LINDA SILVERMAN MEMORIAL FUND

Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Syd Kronick on the birth of a new grandson Benjamin by Frances Pearlman.

Congratulations to Roslyn and Ben-Ami Sanders on the birth of a new granddaughter by Frances Pearlman.

LOUIS SLACK MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jack Goldstein by Myra and Lester Aronson.

JACK AND LILLIAN SMITH FUND

In appreciation to Dr. David Malek by Linda and Jack Smith.

Birthday wishes to Linda Smith by Moe and Sandy Segal; and by Jack and Sadie Silverman. In memory of Jack Goldstein

by Jack and Linda Smith.

GUSTAVE AND ESTHER SOLMAN FUND

In memory of Any Lubertofsky, Mtl., mother of Harold Lubert by Ruth and Norman Polowin.

In memory of Harry Shaikin by Ruth and Norman Polowin; by Irving J. Solman; by Gustave Solman; and by Allan and Andrea Solman.

NATHAN AND THELMA STEINMAN FUND

In memory of Nat Steinman by Carole and Norman Zagerman.

FREDA AND PHIL SWEDKO MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jack Goldstein by Claire and Irving Bercovitch.

ARCHIE AND LILLIAN TALLER FUND

In memory of Sarah Liveson, Fla., sister of Al Shapiro by Lillian and Archie Taller.

In honour of Norman and Stella Taller on their 45th wedding anniversary by Lillian and Archie Taller.

In memory of Harry Shaikin by Lillian and Archie Taller. In memory of Jack Goldstein by Lillian and Archie Taller.

JAY B. TALLER MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Sarah Liveson, Fla., sister of Al Shapiro by Sally and Morton Taller.

In memory of Norman Stein by Sally and Morton Taller. Wishing continued good health to Isabelle Daly by Sally and Morton Taller.

SAMUEL AND ANNE TALLER FUND

In memory of Jack Goldstein by Sam and Anne Taller.

CLAIRE AND SAM TANNER MEMORIAL FUND

Wishing Stephen Waxman a speedy recovery by Doris and Joe Hoffman; and by Sandy and Moe Segal.

SAUL AND FANNY TANNER MEMORIAL FUND

In observance of the Yartzheit of my dear brothers: Louis and Joseph by Rose Cohen.

In memory of Bernard Herson, Toronto by Minerva Cohen.

CHARLES AND RAE TAVEL MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Jack Goldstein by Sunny and John Tavel.

MOSES, CHENYA AND HENRY TORONTOW MEMORIAL FUND

In honour of Jean Naemark on her special birthday by Beatrice and Moe Lesser.

STELLA AND NORMAN TORONTOW FUND

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Mel Manis, Mtl. on their 40th wedding anniversary by Stella and Norman Torontow.

In memory of Joe Weiden, Mtl. by Stella and Norman Torontow; by Bonnie and Dave Thelen; and by Yvon Tauvette.

STEPHEN AND GAIL VICTOR FUND

Best wishes to Hy Soloway on his 75th birthday by Gail and Stephen Victor. In memory of Ian Borts by Sandra Marchello and Sarah Schwartz.

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. William Dritz, Manassas, Va. on the arrival of their son by Sandra Marchello and Sarah Schwartz.

SONIA AND ARTHUR VINER FUND

Mazal Tov to Sarah and Arnie Swedler on the engagement of their son Harley to Dr. Jane Bassoon by Sonia and Arthur Viner.

Mazal Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Murray on the graduation of their daughter Jody from Medical School by John and Gladys Greenberg.

Best wishes to Dr. and Mrs. Ian Zunder on their 2nd anniversary by John and Gladys Greenberg; and by Bubby and Zaida Viner.

Mazal Tov to Ethel and David Malek on their son Alan's achievements by Gladys and John Greenberg.

In honour of Dr. David Malek for his 22 years of dedicated service as Medical Officer of the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged by Wally and Elaine Viner and family.

MIRIAM AND LOUIS WEINER FUND

In memory of Jack Goldstein by Miriam and Louis Weiner.

MORRIS AND MARIETTE WOOLFSON FUND

Wishing a r'fuah sh'lemah to Mariette Woolfson by Blanche and Joe Osterer.

NATHAN, DAVID AND MAX ZELIKOVITZ FAMILIES FUND

Wishing continued good health to Dr. Stanley Kronick by Marlene Burack and Judy Schneiderman.

Mazal Tov to Norma and Phil Lazear on the birth of their granddaughter by Marlene Burack.

Mazal Tov to Norma and Phil Lazear on the engagement of their daughter Susan by Marlene Burack.

Best wishes to Wendy Zelikovitz for a speedy recovery by Marlene Burack and family; and by Judy and Larry Schneiderman and family.

Contributions may be made by phoning Laura Greenberg and/or Rossie Rose at 232-7306, Monday to Friday 9-5. Attractive cards are sent to convey the appropriate sentiments. All donations are acknowledged with an official receipt for income tax purposes. WE ACCEPT VISA.

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The family of the late
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wishes to express their sincere thanks to relatives and friends for their many kindnesses, expressions of condolence and donations made to charitable organizations on the passing of a beloved husband, father and brother. It was much appreciated.

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Community Calendar

Monday, December 12

Golden Age Club Meeting, Guest Speaker: Bernie Bedore, Ottawa Valley Storyteller, Assembly Hall, J.C.C., 1:00 p.m.

Monday, December 19

Golden Age Club Bingo Luncheon, Assembly Hall, J.C.C., 12:30 p.m.
Congregation Beth Shalom Board of Governors Meeting, Board Room, J.C.C., 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 27-Friday, December 30

Jewish Community Centre Winterspree, Social and Assembly Halls and Teen Lounge, J.C.C., 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Monday, January 2

Golden Age Club Meeting, Movie: "Born Yesterday" 50+ Lounge, J.C.C., 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 3-Friday, January 6

Jewish Community Centre Winterspree, Social and Assembly Halls and Teen Lounge, J.C.C., 8:45 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Sunday, January 8

Congregation Beth Shalom Family Brunch, Assembly Hall J.C.C., 12:30 p.m.

Monday, January 9

Golden Age Club Bingo Luncheon, Assembly Hall J.C.C., 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 10

Congregation Machzikei Hadas Sisterhood Meeting, 2310 Virginia Drive, 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 14

Connection 23/30 Meeting, Movie: "The Rocky Horror Picture Show", Assembly Hall J.C.C., 8:00 p.m.

Monday, January 16

Golden Age Club Meeting, Guest Speaker: Diane Douglas, Topic "Ontario Rent Review Law", Assembly Hall, J.C.C., 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 17

50+ Movie, "Adam's Rib" 50+ Lounge J.C.C., 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 19

Jewish Community Centre Workshop "Building Self-Esteem in Children," 881 Broadview Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 22

Tax Planning Lecture with Chuck Rotenberg, Assembly Hall J.C.C., 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Beth Shalom West Children's Concert with April and Susan, Centrepointe Theatre, 101 Centrepointe Drive, Nepean, 2:00 p.m.
Jewish National Fund Tu B'Shvat Telethon, Ideal Plumbing, 401 Coventry Road, 10 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 23

Golden Age Club Tu B'Shvat Luncheon, Assembly Hall J.C.C., 12:30 p.m.
Ecole Maimonides PTA Meeting, Ecole Maimonides, 25 Esquimaux Ave., Nepean, 8:00 p.m.

This information is taken from the community calendar maintained by the Women's Federation of the Jewish Community Council. Organizations who would like their events to be listed, no matter where they are to be held, should make sure they are recorded by calling 232-7306 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Provide accurate details

Bulletin Deadlines

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+ Wednesday, April 5
for April 21 issue
c/w Wednesday, April 19
for May 5 issue
Wednesday, May 3
for May 19 issue



Ben and Shirley Levin with granddaughter Zoe.

Shabbat Candlelighting

December 9—4:01 p.m.
December 16—4:02 p.m.
December 23—4:05 p.m.
December 30—4:10 p.m.
January 6—4:16 p.m.
January 13—4:24 p.m.

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Hillel Lodge benefits from 45th anniversary

A state-of-the-art Yamaha stereo system has been donated to Hillel Lodge in honor of the 45th wedding anniversary of Shirley and Ben Levin.

The gift to the Ottawa Jewish Home for the Aged was made by the couple's son Harold Levin, his wife Shelley and their family.

Ben Levin, a past president

of the Hillel Lodge Board of Directors, was involved from the inception in assisting to establish the location of the Home. A highlight of his presidency was the construction of the Abraham and Dora Lithwick Chapel.

The stereo will provide entertainment and enjoyment for both residents and visitors.

Students invited to apply for Fellowship

Applications are now being accepted for the annual Edgar M. Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel.

The fully-endowed Fellowship program will take place from July 10 through August 16, 1989. It will be continued after the summer in Israel with a fall seminar in New York City and Alumni activities scheduled throughout the year.

The Fellowships are awarded competitively to twenty-five individuals who will be entering their senior year of high school, i.e. twelfth year of schooling, in the fall of 1989. Fellowship awards are based on merit and not on need.

The Bronfman Fellows comprise a religiously diverse community, presenting an enormous challenge for young people of widely varying Jewish backgrounds to live together for over a month. Yet the Bronfman Fellows have proven that such an experience does not have to be threatening.

The intention is to teach talented youth of today who may be the leaders of tomorrow how to understand the whole spectrum of the Jewish people both through study and interaction.

The Bronfman Fellows are young people who are strong in their identity, and who seek understanding without personal compromise. It is hoped that Bronfman Fellows will emerge from this unique program with sensitivity to the common agenda shared by the Jewish people.

All group activities held on Shabbat are Sabbath observant. The scheduling of free time allows for the expression of attitudes, concerns, and practices of both the observant and the non-observant. All food is Kosher. An Orthodox Rabbi is present with the group at all times.

The Fellowship staff includes Rabbi Avi Weinstein, Director,

Rabbi Michael Paley, Director of Earl Hall Center of Religious Activities at Columbia University; Dr. Joseph Reimer, Hornstein Professor of Jewish Education at Brandeis University; and Ned Foss, a specialist in youth program administration.

Any student who may be eligible for the program should write or call (212) 766-1526 for a brochure and application. The due date for applications is February 1, 1989. Fellowship recipients will be announced by March 15, 1989.

Condolences

Condolences are extended to the families of:

Prof. Jacob Cohen, Pittsburgh, Pa. (brother of Dean Maxwell Cohen)

Saul Goldstein, Toronto (father of Marilyn Binder)

Allan Pearlman (mother of Sherry Torjman)

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